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25 per cent off on all Furs

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One lot of \$1.00 Fancy Silks only 59c yard

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For the next week we will give 25 per cent discount on all men's overcoats.

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Choice of any child's coat, ages 2 to 6 years in the house for

\$2.98

Choice of any misses' coat in the house, ages 6 to 14 years for

\$4.95

Ladies' Skirts

Choice of any ladies' colored skirt in the house worth up to \$12.00, only

\$3.98

Toys

Be sure and visit our Toy Department. We are the distributors for Santa Claus

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GREAT BEND, KS.

A Delightful Christmas Gift

For Mother, Auntie, Sister, a future Wify, is one of Mrs. Riley's Hats. Remember at Half-Price.

Mrs. J. D. Riley

Keith Old Place

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT.

State of Kansas, Barton County, SS—
In the matter of the estate of J. W. Smith, late of Barton County, Kansas,

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT.

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of December, A. D., 1913, the undersigned was, by the Probate Court of Barton County, Kansas, duly appointed and qualified as Administrator of the estate of J. W. Smith, late of Barton County, deceased. All parties interested in the said estate will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.
L. C. BREEDEN, Administrator
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The various merchants of the city have prepared some elaborate window displays for the Christmas season, and one cannot help but catch the Yuletide spirit by a glimpse of the handsome showings made, and it is a pleasure for the older ones as well as the little tots to look at the beautiful assortments in the different establishments. Hardly an establishment in town but what has on a gala holiday display, some of them decidedly pretentious and showing a great deal of artistic ability by the persons in charge of the work. It would perhaps be an injustice to say just which firms had the best display for all are worthy of special notice and some lines naturally make a better showing than others, but it is well worth anyone's time to make a

Men's Work Shoes

\$2.00 to \$3.00

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trip to the town if for no other purpose than to take a look at the display windows, and there is but little doubt but that if you once get a look at the attractive assortment of hundreds of both useful and ornamental Christmas remembrances the desire to fully enter into the spirit of the season and to experience the joy of giving some of the gifts on display will be too strong to be resisted.

See our \$3.00 and \$4.00 Hats for 50 cents, at Mrs. Elder's.

Remember the entertainment at the Elbe Monday night for the benefit of the Public Welfare Association.

Daniel G. Bird was in from Clarence township yesterday, visiting with friends and looking after business affairs. He drove in in his car, and reports that it was rather tough pulling in places.

School Shoes For

Boys and Girls

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PEN SAVES MONEY.

\$250,000 is The Saving Estimated For The Past Year.

Lawson, Kans., Dec. 13—The state prison at Lansing saved the state about one-quarter million dollars during the fiscal year ending on June 30, 1913.

This according to those who should know, is a very conservative estimate. It represents about one-half of the appropriation asked for by the warden to be used in constructing a new penitentiary. The twine and the brick plants and the coal mine are the different departments where the most of the saving was made.

The twine plant supplied the farmers of Kansas with 3 million dollars worth of twine this year at nine and a half cents per pound. This represents a net profit of \$32,000, which went into the state treasury. If the farmers had been forced to buy from outside dealers at 11 cents a pound it would have cost them \$45,000 in excess of what it did. This amount and the \$32,000 profit, represents a total of \$77,000 saved the citizens of Kansas on twine alone.

The prison burns its own brick and lime and supplies brick to the different institutions over the state. The prison brickyard manufactured in 1912 for the use of state institutions, over 1,623,447 brick of different grades, and the prison received credit on the brick account for \$12,098. This was an average of about \$2 a thousand less than the same quality of brick sold for on the market. If these different institutions had been forced to buy on the open market, the cost to the state would have been about \$15,344. This does not take into consideration the brick used in the construction of the new twine plant and other small buildings in the prison yard.

The coal mine is the big money

maker for the state. Last year the different institutions received 31,000 tons of coal from the prison and for this the prison was credited with \$77,500—\$2.50 per ton. It is said if the state had been forced to buy this coal on the open market, together with the 20,000 tons it takes annually to run the prison, it would have cost the state at least \$155,000. Some estimates have placed the amount as high as one-quarter million dollars. If the prison had new quarters it is said that the annual maintenance appropriation could be safely cut from \$105,000 to \$50,000 as the saving on fuel alone would run into the thousands of dollars.

The construction of the new twine plant is another instance of economy where the Kansas citizens profited. With prison brick, lime and labor, this plant, consisting of two buildings, will have cost the state at least \$50,000 less than a similar one constructed by a sister state. The two plants are identical in size, except that the Kansas plant contains two more machines than its neighbors.

John Welsh was in from Liberty township on a business trip Saturday.

Lee Volkmer was down from Dodge City to spend Sunday with home folks here.

Photos are also nice as a New Years gift. Let us make them for you now. Woods Studio, German-American Bank Bldg.

Ladies' \$1.50 Silk Hose

for \$1.15

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SEND A REAL PRESENT.

If you have an absent relative or friend whom you desire to remember at this season, can you think of a gift which would be more appreciated than a year's subscription to the Barton County Democrat? It would be a reminder of your thoughtfulness every week in the year, and would be a gift which would be thoroughly enjoyed by the recipient, and the cost would only be \$1 for the entire year. Come in and have the names of some of your relatives or friends added to the list before Christmas.

A croaker sat on a grumbler's bench and croaked that the town was dead, and ne'er did once he lift his hand to push his town ahead. He cursed and swore with all his might—such a town he ne'er did see—the times were dull, the stores were bum as bum as bum could be. And he sat so from early morn, each bright and happy day, and croaked and croaked with all his might till the summer passed away. And then one night, while the wind blew cold when the winter time had come, he croaked his last and closed his eyes upon his earthly home. But when he reached the other shore—the city bright and fair, it was no good, 'twas dull and dead, he ne'er would enter there. And since there was no other place, the croaker's fate he went, unaccompanied by men, unwept, unung—none cared a bloomin' cent.—EX.

Mrs. Ed Mitchell left yesterday for a visit with friends in Newton.

Remember the entertainment at the Elbe Monday night for the benefit of the Public Welfare Association.

Mrs. Harve Fankhauser and Mrs. Myrtle Krebs left Thursday for their home in Haviland after a short visit with relatives and friends here.

"THELMA."

The famous Northland story of "Thelma", this world read book will be presented in dramatic form by Henry W. Link's fine company at the Opera and Photo Playhouse, Ellinwood, Saturday evening, Dec. 20.

"Thelma" is without doubt the most effective of Marie Corelli's lighter stories, and it lends itself to the dramatist's scheme, making it a faultless play. It is a Norwegian tale, with a dash of the weird mysticism of the old Vikings, the gods, Odin and Thor. The beautiful love story of Thelma and Sir Phillip Errington, their marriage and Thelma's unhappy life in London, and the return of Thelma, broken-hearted, to her old home in the Alten Fjord, Norway, followed by her husband to her snow covered home and their happy reconciliation by the light of the midnight sun, all presented by a company of competent players and mounted with special scenery and electrical effects. A powerful side story embraces the picturesque figure of Olaf Guidmar, Thelma's father, a descendant of the Viking Norwegians. Later he is stabbed to death by the witch and he goes, before he dies, aboard his Norse sea boat, sets it afire and drifts down the stream in his crimson shroud of flame. A scenic production will be given in detail, the fire ship, the vision of the death prophesying Valkyre, and the midnight sun. Seats are now for sale at the Gem Drug Store, Ellinwood, and reservations should be made at once, as this promises to be the best attended attraction of the season.

Capt. Ewing and sons Dave and Harve were business visitors from the west side Wednesday.

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At the K. of C. Opera House, Ellinwood
Saturday December 20th

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